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New York Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August

Dear Sir

On Saturday I wrote you that I arrived here on Friday at 12 o'clock which made my voyage from Albany exactly 30 hours, we had a little wind on Friday morning but no waves which produced any effect. I have been making every exertion to get off on Monday morning, but there has been much work to do, boarding all the sides decking over the boiler and works, finishing each cabin with 12 Berths to make them comfortable. ~~and~~ and strengthening many parts of the Iron work, so much to do and the rain which delays the carpenters will I fear not let me off till Wednesday morning, then however the boat will be as complete as she can be made ~~all~~ all strong and in good order and the men will be organized and I hope nothing to do but to run her for 6 weeks or two months. The first week that if she starts on Wednesday she will make one trip to Albany and back, every succeeding week she will run three trips that is two to Albany and one to New York or two to New York and one to Albany. Always being Sunday and 4 nights for Rest to the Crew



By carrying for the usual price there can be no doubt but the Steam boat will have the preference because of the certainty and agreeable movements. I have seen the Captain of the fine Sloop from Hudson he says the average of his passages have been 48 hours, for the steam boat it would have been 36 certain. The persons who came down with me were so much pleased that the said were she established to run periodically they never would go in anything else. I will however register and every thing done which I can collect, every thing looks well and I have no doubt will be very productive.

Yours truly  
Robt Fulton

You may look for me on Thursday morning about 7 o'clock.

I think it would be well to write to your Brother Edward to get information on the velocity of the Mississippi the size and form of the boats used the number of hands and quantity of tons in each boat, the number of miles they make against the current in 24 hours, and the quantity of tons which go up the river in a year, on the points by which to be ascertained.



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